

Amendments to the Claims:

No amendments are currently made to the claims. A complete listing of the pending claims is provided herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

1-81. (Canceled)

82. (Previously presented) A stably transformed duckweed plant culture or duckweed nodule culture wherein said plant culture or nodule culture is transformed with one or more nucleotide sequences comprising a coding sequence for a biologically active polypeptide, an operably linked coding sequence for a signal peptide that directs secretion of said polypeptide, and an operably linked 5' leader sequence consisting of SEQ ID NO:16.

83. (Previously presented) The stably transformed duckweed plant culture or duckweed nodule culture of claim 82, wherein said duckweed plant culture or duckweed nodule culture is selected from the group consisting of the genus *Spirodela*, genus *Wolffia*, genus *Wolffiella*, and genus *Lemna*.

84. (Previously presented) The stably transformed duckweed plant culture or duckweed nodule culture of claim 83, wherein said duckweed plant culture or duckweed nodule culture is selected from the group consisting of *Lemna minor*, *Lemna miniscula*, *Lemna aequinoctialis*, and *Lemna gibba*.

85-86. (Canceled)

87. (Previously presented) The stably transformed duckweed plant culture or duckweed nodule culture of claim 82, wherein said biologically active polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormone, human  $\alpha$ -interferon, and an antibody.

88. (Previously presented) The stably transformed duckweed plant culture or duckweed nodule culture of claim 87, wherein said polypeptide is an antibody and said antibody is expressed from one or more nucleotide sequences comprising a coding sequence for a chain of the antibody.

89. (Previously presented) The stably transformed duckweed plant culture or duckweed nodule culture of claim 88, wherein said duckweed plant culture or duckweed nodule culture expresses and assembles a heavy chain and light chain of the antibody.

90. (Previously presented) The stably transformed duckweed plant culture or duckweed nodule culture of claim 88, wherein said antibody is a Fab' fragment.

91. (Previously presented) The stably transformed duckweed plant culture or duckweed nodule culture of claim 88, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

92. (Previously presented) The stably transformed duckweed plant culture or duckweed nodule culture of claim 88, wherein said antibody is a human antibody.

93. (Previously presented) The stably transformed duckweed plant culture or duckweed nodule culture of claim 88, wherein said signal peptide comprises SEQ ID NO:6.

94. (Previously presented) The stably transformed duckweed plant culture or duckweed nodule culture of claim 93, wherein said coding sequence for the signal peptide comprises SEQ ID NO:3.

95-96. (Canceled)